

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A method of making a colored automotive trim product, the method comprising:

extruding an approximately planar sheet including a colored layer including color pigment material;

providing a substantially transparent clear coat layer comprising a thermoplastic fluorinated polymer over the colored layer;

providing at least one tie layer between the colored layer and the substantially transparent clear coat layer;

positioning the substantially transparent clear coat layer together with the colored layer and the tie layer in a vacuum forming apparatus;

vacuum forming the substantially transparent clear coat layer together with the colored layer and the tie layer into a three-dimensionally shaped preform; ~~and~~

utilizing the three-dimensionally shaped preform as at least a portion of an exterior trim product for a vehicle; and

forming a base layer comprising polyolefinic thermoplastic resin by injection molding, beneath the colored layer so that the colored layer is provided between the base layer and the tie layer, and wherein the base layer and the colored layer are separate and distinct layers.

30-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) A method of making a trim product, the method comprising:
extruding a colored layer including color pigment material, the colored layer being the layer that primarily determines the color of the trim product when viewed from the vehicle exterior;

providing a substantially transparent clear coat layer over the colored layer;

providing at least one tie layer between the colored layer and the substantially transparent clear coat layer, wherein the tie layer includes color pigment material therein and is for promoting adhesion between the colored layer and the clear coat layer;

positioning the substantially transparent clear coat layer together with the colored layer and the tie layer in a vacuum forming apparatus;

vacuum forming the substantially transparent clear coat layer together with the colored layer and the tie layer into a three-dimensionally shaped preform; and

utilizing the three-dimensionally shaped preform as at least a portion of an exterior trim product.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the colored layer comprises TPO.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the colored layer further comprises metallizing particles.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the clear coat layer comprises a thermoplastic fluorinated polymer.